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Acting Chairman Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Robert McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 09-51

Dear FCC Acting Chairman and Commissioners:

The National Korean American Service & Education Consortium's (NAKASEC) mission is to project a national progressive voice on major civil rights and immigrant rights issues and promote the full participation of Korean Americans in American society. NAKASEC began as a collection of local community centers that joined together to build and contribute to a national movement for civil rights.

Broadband technology has become a critical resource in connecting Korean Americans with their communities and achieving economic success. For this reason, we are very interested in the FCC's development of a national broadband plan. At this time, the FCC must ensure that all Americans have access to next-generation technologies at an affordable price.

As many Korean Americans are small business owners, broadband creates new opportunities for economic achievement for those in our community. Equipped only with a broadband connection, an individual can create a business anywhere. A Connect Ohio Technology Assessment found that median annual revenues for Ohio businesses using broadband were double those of businesses that did not use broadband. Broadband technology boosts productivity and improves efficiency.

Broadband has other important societal benefits. With broadband technology at home, Americans can reduce their health care costs and trips to the doctor's office through telemedicine applications. A study by the American Consumer Institute revealed that telemedicine can reduce costs by 80% simply by allowing for basic medical checks to be performed regularly at home and then transmitted to a central database. Broadband also enhances educational opportunities and civic engagement by connecting Americans to educational institutions and every level of their government.

These benefits illustrate the life-changing potential of broadband technology. However, broadband is not yet ubiquitous. NAKASEC urges the FCC to create a broadband plan that will increase broadband deployment to ensure that all communities are reached including the hard to reach and underserved. We also

hope that the FCC's plan will not inhibit private or public sector investment and innovation.

NAKASEC commends Congress and the Obama Administration for the incorporation of a national broadband plan in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and we appreciate the FCC's diligence in drafting this important plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. S. Lee".

Eun Sook Lee
Executive Director